

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification as follows, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121:

At page 1, line 1, please amend the title as follows:

~~L-AMINO ACID PRODUCING BACTERIUM AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING~~
METHYLOPHILUS METHYLOTROPHUS HAVING ENHANCED
DIHYDRODIPICOLINATE SYNTHASE AND/OR ASPARTOKINASE ACTIVITY
FOR L-AMINO ACID PRODUCTION